



Bracknell Forest Local Countryside Access Forum (LCAF) Members' Interest List 2024

Role	Date joined LCAF	Name and description of interest
Chair	4.3.2015 (Member) 12.02.2019 (Chair)	Mr Colin Bird has been Chair of LCAF since February 2019. He is a keen walker of the local area and is enthusiastic about promoting outdoor recreation and greater use of the countryside. Colin also has some knowledge of farming issues, having worked in agricultural research.
		Colin is the Footpath Secretary of the South East Berkshire Ramblers which is the local group of the national Ramblers organisation.
		Colin is the Chairman of The Bracknell Forest Society, which is a local Civic Society providing a politically independent voice to promote, protect and improve Bracknell Forest as a place to live, work and enjoy.
		Colin is also an active member of the Bracknell Conservation Volunteers (BCVs).
Vice Chair	N/A	Vacant
Committee Member	25.09.2023 (Date of first meeting)	Mr Michael Brossard takes a keen interest in local wildlife and is enthusiastic about promoting access to the outdoors for the purpose of recreation and enjoyment of the area. Litter picking. Michael has previously sat on the Forum as a Borough Councillor. He has now stepped down from this role but maintains his position as a Councillor for Sandhurst Town Council.
Committee Member	6.6.2023 (Date of first meeting)	Councillor Sheila Collings is a borough Cllr from the Green Party, representing Binfield North & Warfield West ward. Sheila was Deputy Clerk and then Cllr on Warfield Parish Council before assuming her new position as Borough Cllr. Sheila is the founding member and current chair of Warfield Environment Group. Sheila is keen to enhance access to green spaces for the benefit of people and nature. Access must be carefully managed to ensure there's no detriment to the local

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Committee Member	6.6.2023 (Date of first meeting)	Councillor Cherise Welch is a borough Cllr from the Labour Party, representing Harmans Water & Crown Wood ward. Cherise is a keen walker and cyclist.
Committee Member	12.03.2013 (Date of first meeting)	Mrs Jenny Yung is a self-employed groom, riding instructor (at Tally Ho Stables), hack escort and reiki practitioner. Jenny has lived, worked and ridden in the Ascot, Winkfield and Binfield areas all her life and is very interested in helping people to appreciate the countryside. Her knowledge and experience about local horse riding is valued on the forum.
Committee Member	Observer /BFC officer since 4.4.2006 Member since 4.3.2014	Mr Hugh Fitzwilliams retired as BFC's Rights of Way Ranger in 2013, a post he held for 12 tears. He has an intimate knowledge of the local PROW network, is an active walker, hedge layer and countryman. Hugh has also sat as a Cllr and as deputy chairman on Warfield Parish Council.
Committee Member	June/July 2017	Mr Richard Elsbury has a long-standing interest in environmental conservation, and he is a member of the Bracknell Conservation Volunteers (BCVs), who do a lot of valuable practical conservation work throughout the borough. He is also a keen walker.
Committee Member	July 2018	Mr Geoff Paxton represents users of countryside and local rights of way. Geoff has been a Winkfield Parish Councillor since May 2011, and is currently its Vice Chairman. Geoff has excellent knowledge of the Winkfield parish, and how outdoor recreation and greater use of the countryside can be promoted to residents.
Committee Member	18.10.2020 (Date of application)	Mrs Susan McDaid walks and cycles a lot around the Bracknell area and enjoys using our parks and countryside. Susan is passionate about local wildlife and the impact open green spaces can have on our mental health. She appreciates the spaces we have and the paths and lanes that link them, and wants to help promote, preserve and extend them. Susan is good at helping people manage change and make improvements, which is a useful skill to have on the forum.

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Committee Member	11.5.2023 (Date of application)	Denis Crampton is a keen cyclist and walker. Denis is a member of lots of associated organisations including; Cycling UK, Wokingham Cycling Club, Ramblers, The Long Distance Walkers Association and The British Mountaineering Council. Denis has a good knowledge of local paths and trails.
Committee Member	6-8 June 2022 (Date of application)	Nicholas Ballard (Nick) is a user of local rights of way and open access land. He represents local interest and has encouraged those who walk to expand their walking routes to other parts of Bracknell Forest borough.
	10.10.2022 (Date of first meeting)	Nick is also a member of Loddon Valley Ramblers and a volunteer for East Berkshire Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way to find and reclaim lost paths where practicable.
Committee Member	30.06.2023 (Date of application)	Les Langley - As a disabled person using a wheelchair, Les provides an important perspective on improving access to the countryside for those in wheelchairs and with limited mobility.
Committee Member	30.06.2023 (Date of application)	Sharon Fletcher is the activity coordinator at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Care Company. Sharon, who has joined the Forum with Les, has important insight into the needs of disabled people using wheelchairs when accessing the countryside.